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PROBLEM

Electric Intercept
ELINT

To provide for an external research study of techniques, methods, and procedures for use in electronic intercept activities.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

The Office of Scientific Intelligence has maintained a satisfactory contractual relationship with the engineering consulting firm of [] since 30 November 1951. The existing contract is to expire 30 June 1954. Approval of a new 18 months contract is sought, the new contract to continue and expand research in support of U. S. Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) and Electromagnetic Warfare (EMW) intelligence activities. O/SI is unable to carry out the research involved, the firm is eminently qualified to do it, and O/SI needs the research service in order to discharge its assigned responsibilities. Funds are available within the budget of O/SI.

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ACTION

At its meeting on 31 March 1954, the Project Review Committee approved the O/SI-proposed 18 months contract and the amount of [] against FY 1954 funds to finance it, such funds being available within O/SI for this purpose. The Committee gave its approval on the understanding that, in view of the importance of the activity covered by the research in question and the possibility that there be assigned to a program growing out of it a high priority within the Intelligence Community, appropriate safeguards will be established which will protect future CIA budgets from supporting alone a program of direct use to other components of the Community at the expense of projects vital to CIA.

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RECOMMENDATION

That, with the understanding stated above, the Director approve the proposed contract and the amount of [] from FY 1954 funds to finance it.

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CONCUR:

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Chairman, PRC

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Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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Deputy Director (Plans)

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Acting Deputy Director (Administration)

APPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

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